

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 6 Chwefror 2013

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 6 February 2013

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Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru
To ask the First Minister

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog roi rhestr o bob ymweliad tramor gan Weinidogion yng nghyswllt eu dyletswyddau cabinet ers mis Medi 2012 a phob ymweliad a gynlluniwyd hyd ddiwedd Gorffennaf 2013 a diben pob ymweliad. (WAQ62110)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the First Minister provide a list of all visits abroad by Ministers in relation to their cabinet responsibilities since September 2012 and all planned visits until the end of July 2013 and the purpose of each visit. (WAQ62110)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 07 Chwefror 2013
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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): The information is in the following table. Planned visits (where currently known) are in italics.

Minister	Departure Date	Destination	Purpose
First Minister	16 January 2013	Istanbul	Trade
First Minister	24 January 2013	Dublin	Trade
First Minister	10 February 2013	San Francisco	Trade
First Minister	28 February 2013	Brussels and Barcelona	Trade
First Minister	June 2013	Japan	Trade
First Minister	October 2013	India	Trade
Edwina Hart	17 January 2013	Oslo	Trade

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Edwina Hart		Los Angeles	
John Griffiths	3 December 2012	Doha, Qata	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
John Griffiths	16 December 2012	Brussels	EU business
Huw Lewis	27 February 2013	Chongqing, China	Cultural Visit/Developing commercial links
Leighton Andrews and Jeff Cuthbert	9 December 2012	Paris	Meeting with the OECD and French Deputy Minister for Skills.
Jeff Cuthbert	4 October 2012	Brussels	Euroskills Event/EU business
Gwenda Thomas	5 November 2012	Brussels	Meet MEPs; Autism Wales event; European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing/EU business
Alun Davies	6 September 2012	Milan	Trade Mission to promote Welsh produce
Alun Davies	10 September 2012	Strasbourg	EU business
Alun Davies	18 September 2012	Dublin	EU business
Alun Davies	23 September 2012	Brussels	EU business
Alun Davies	20 October 2012	Paris and Luxembourg	EU business

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Alun Davies	19 November 2012	Brussels	EU business
Alun Davies	28 November 2012	Brussels	EU business
Alun Davies	10 December 2012	Strasbourg	EU business
Alun Davies	17 December 2012	Brussels	EU business
Alun Davies	27 January 2013	Brussels	EU business

Note: Ministers are not listed if they have not undertaken, or do not currently have planned, any visits abroad.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog roi manylion yr holl gostau cysylltiedig â'r daith fasnach ddeuddydd i Iwerddon, gan gynnwys teithio, llety a chynhaliaeth. (WAQ62114)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister detail all costs associated with the two day trade mission to Ireland, including travel, accommodation and subsistence. (WAQ62114)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 11 Chwefror 2013
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The First Minister: Only travel costs, of approximately £840, were incurred. Accommodation was provided by the Embassy at no cost.

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Pa ystyriaeth a roddodd yr Uned Digwyddiadau Mawr i gefnogi cais gan Gymru i gynnal pencampwriaethau beicio'r byd UCI. (WAQ62116)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): What consideration has the Major Events Unit given to supporting a Welsh bid to host the UCI world cycling championships. (WAQ62116)

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Pa ystyriaeth a roddodd yr Uned Digwyddiadau Mawr i gefnogi cais gan Gymru i gynnal pencampwriaethau beicio cenedlaethol Prydain - ras ffordd a phrawf amser. (WAQ62117)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): What consideration has the Major Events Unit given to supporting a Welsh bid to host the British national road race and time trial cycling championships. (WAQ62117)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 05 Chwefror 2013
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The First Minister: The Welsh Government's Major Events Unit is working strategically with British Cycling, Welsh Cycling Union, event owners and local partners with a view to attracting a range of major international cycling events to Wales.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog roi manylion pob taith awyren sydd i'w gwneud gan Weinidogion Cymru yn 2013 ac o ba feysydd awyr y byddant yn hedfan. (WAQ62126)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister provide details of all flights due to be taken by Welsh Ministers in 2013 and the airports they will be flying from. (WAQ62126)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 10 Gorffennaf 2013
Answer received for publication on 10 July 2013

The First Minister: The information is in the following table. For security reasons I am not able to disclose information about departure airports.

Minister	Departure Date	Destination
First Minister	10 February 2013	San Francisco
First Minister	28 February 2013	Brussels and Barcelona
First Minister	June 2013	Japan
First Minister	October 2013	India
Edwina Hart		Los Angeles

Huw Lewis	27 February 2013	Chongqing, China
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Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Yn dilyn atebion y Prif Weinidog i WAQ62036 a WAQ62037 ac ers y tri digwyddiad a nodwyd yn WAQ61155, faint o weithiau y mae'r Prif Weinidog wedi cael cyfarfod â Masnach a Buddsoddi y DU yn ystod y pedwerydd Cynulliad (a) yn adeiladau Llywodraeth Cymru a (b) y tu allan i adeiladau Llywodraeth Cymru ac a all y Prif Weinidog gadarnhau (i) ar ba ddyddiadau a (ii) ym mha leoliadau y cynhaliwyd y cyfarfodydd hyn. (WAQ62129)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Further to the First Minister's answers to WAQ62036 & WAQ62037, and since the 3 occasions detailed in WAQ61155, how many times has the First Minister met with UK Trade and Investment (UKTI) during the Fourth Assembly (a) within Welsh Government premises and (b) outside Welsh Government premises and can the First Minister confirm (i) on what dates and (ii) at which locations these meetings took place. (WAQ62129)

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The First Minister: I have met UKTI on two further occasions – during my visit to Istanbul between 16 and 17 January and during my visit to Dublin between 24 and 25 January.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog gadarnhau faint o Weinidogion Cymru sy'n defnyddio ceir swyddogol Llywodraeth Cymru i deithio i'r gwaith. (WAQ62130)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister confirm how many Welsh Ministers regularly use official Welsh Government cars to travel to work. (WAQ62130)

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The First Minister: Ministers will from time to time use official Welsh Government cars for journeys to the office, in accordance with paragraph 9.20 of the Ministerial Code.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog roi manylion ynghylch faint o gyfarfodydd a gynhaliwyd ym Mhencadlys Llywodraeth Cymru yn Llundain ers iddo gael ei agor yng Ngorffennaf 2012. (WAQ62133)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister detail how many meetings have taken place in the Welsh Government Headquarters in London since it was opened in July 2012. (WAQ62133)

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The First Minister: Since the opening of the London Office on 12th July 2012, up to and including the 31st January 2013 188 meetings have taken place in the London Office.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog nodi pa fusnesau y cynhaliodd gyfarfodydd â hwy yn ystod ei daith fasnach i Weriniaeth Iwerddon heb ddatgelu unrhyw wybodaeth fasnachol sensitif. (WAQ62135)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister detail which businesses he had meetings with during his trade trip to the Republic of Ireland with any commercially sensitive information redacted. (WAQ62135)

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The First Minister: All of my meetings with businesses were commercially sensitive and so it would not be appropriate for me to release any details.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Busnes, Menter, Technoleg a Gwyddoniaeth
To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): Yn dilyn WAQ61993, a wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau nifer y cyfarfodydd y mae hi'n bersonol wedi eu cynnal hyd yma yng nghyswllt prosiect Cylchffordd Cymru, dyddiadau'r cyfarfodydd hynny a beth a drafodwyd ynghylch y prosiect. (WAQ62089)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Further to WAQ61993, will the Minister confirm the number of meetings she has personally held to date in relation to the Circuit of Wales project, the date of those meetings and what was discussed in relation to the project. (WAQ62089)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): I confirm that I have met Circuit of Wales project representatives but I am not able to disclose details of any discussion or conversation that is confidential or commercial in nature.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog a) nodi'r meysydd awyr (y DU a rhyngwladol) lle y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn prynu gofod hysbysebu ar hyn o bryd; a b) rhoi dadansoddiad o'r gost fesul maes awyr a'r math o hysbysebu. (WAQ62115)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister a) detail the airports (UK and international) in which the Welsh Government currently purchases advertising space; and b) provide a breakdown of cost per airport and type of advertising. (WAQ62115)

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Edwina Hart: We currently only purchase a mixture of advertising space at Cardiff Airport.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa waith y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn ei wneud i ddatblygu'r farchnad mordeithiau yng Nghymru. (WAQ62118)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What work is the Welsh Government undertaking to develop the cruise market in Wales. (WAQ62118)

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Edwina Hart: I have established and chair the Cruise Wales group - a high level partnership with key representatives from the Cruise industry which will concentrate resources on the development and marketing of Wales as a world class cruise destination.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi ffigurau, am y pum mlynedd diwethaf, o ran y swm a wariwyd gan Lywodraeth Cymru i hyrwyddo Cymru ym mhob un o'r lleoliadau canlynol:

- a) Lloegr
- b) Yr Alban
- c) Gogledd Iwerddon
- d) Gweriniaeth Iwerddon (WAQ62119)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister provide figures, for the past 5 years, for the amount the Welsh Government has spent promoting Wales in each of the following locations:

- a) England
- b) Scotland
- c) Northern Ireland
- d) Republic of Ireland (WAQ62119)

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Edwina Hart: We do not record this spend separately.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau a wariwyd unrhyw arian i hyrwyddo Cymru yng ngemau pencampwriaeth y Chwe Gwlad yng Nghaeredin, Paris a Rhufain. (WAQ62120)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm whether any money has been spent to promote Wales at 6 Nations matches in Edinburgh, Paris and Rome. (WAQ62120)

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Edwina Hart: The focus of the Visit Wales Spring marketing campaign continues throughout February and March 2013, targeting new visitors in London and the South East as well as our core markets in the Midlands and North West.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa asesiad a wnaed o botensial Cwpan y Byd Rygbi'r Gynghrair 2013 i dwristiaeth. (WAQ62131)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What assessment has been made of the tourism potential of the 2013 Rugby League World Cup. (WAQ62131)

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Edwina Hart: The full economic impact of hosting Rugby League World Cup has been estimated at £3 million.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog nodi faint o gyfarfodydd a gynhaliodd gydag Ysgrifennydd Gwladol Cymru, David Jones AS, ers dechrau'r Pedwerydd Cynulliad. (WAQ62132)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister detail how many meetings she has had with Secretary of State for Wales David Jones MP since the start of the Fourth Assembly. (WAQ62132)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog nodi faint o gyfarfodydd a gynhaliodd gyda chyn Ysgrifennydd Gwladol Cymru, Cheryl Gillan AS, ers dechrau'r Pedwerydd Cynulliad. (WAQ62134)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister detail how many meetings she has had with former Secretary of State for Wales Cheryl Gillan MP since the start of the Fourth Assembly. (WAQ62134)

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Edwina Hart: I have had one meeting with the current Secretary of State and had two meetings with his predecessor.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau ***To ask the Minister for Education and Skills***

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am bwysigrwydd denu myfyrwyr Rhyngwladol i brifysgolion Cymru o ystyried y gostyngiad yn y ceisiadau am Addysg Uwch gan fyfyrwyr o'r wlad hon. (WAQ62109)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on the importance of attracting International students to Welsh Universities given the decline in Higher Education applications from home students. (WAQ62109)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): There has been an increase in applications from home (UK) students according to UCAS figures released on 30th January.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog yn eu cymryd i fonitro effaith y Grant Amddifadedd Disgyblion mewn ysgolion ar draws Cymru. (WAQ62111)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What action is the Minister taking to monitor the impact of the Pupil Deprivation Grant in schools across Wales. (WAQ62111)

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion ynghylch sut y mae'r cyllid ychwanegol drwy'r Grant Amddifadedd Disgyblion yn cael ei wario gan ysgolion i gefnogi disgyblion o gefndiroedd tlotach. (WAQ62112)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the Minister provide detail on how the extra funding through the Pupil Deprivation Grant is being spent by schools to support pupils from poorer backgrounds. (WAQ62112)

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa arweiniad a gyhoeddodd y Gweinidog i ysgolion yng Nghymru ynghylch defnyddio cyllid drwy'r Grant Amddifadedd Disgyblion. (WAQ62113)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What guidance has the Minister issued to schools in Wales in relation to the use of funding through the Pupil Deprivation Grant. (WAQ62113)

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Leighton Andrews: The School Standards Unit will, as part of its regional stock takes, assess the use and impact of the grants. In addition, we have commissioned an evaluation of the Grant, and an interim report in November will inform actions to improve delivery, both in terms of process for administering the grant, and to maximise the impact of the grant. Two further reports will be published in each of the next two years with workshops arranged to share findings with key stakeholders following receipt of the final report.

Schools through their consortia submit spending plans outlining how the Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG) is being used to support pupils from poorer backgrounds. The funding is delegated directly to schools to enable them to determine effective interventions and to meet local needs. Each plan details how pupils will be supported and sets out the expected impact upon performance for their school or cluster.

The spending plans are based on guidance issued by the Welsh Government outlining targeted interventions that help disadvantaged pupils. The guidance makes it clear that the PDG can only be used for interventions to support pupils from deprived areas. For example, schools may adopt whole school strategies in terms of data tracking, but should use that data to identify interventions to support children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The funding is granted on a per capita basis for those pupils eligible for Free School Meals. The quantum of funding, and therefore the interventions designed by schools, may vary widely, depending on the number of eligible pupils.

Predominantly the PDG funding for this year is being used to support staff costs - the majority being employed to engage Teaching Assistants and Learning Support Assistants to support a range of programmes. Some schools are using PDG funds to support activities that target attendance, behaviour management, look at wider well-being, or support the engagement of parents/ developing parents' skills in supporting their children's learning.

Two key factors highlighted in the guidance which will form the basis of the schools spending plans are maximising both teacher quality and school quality. The most recent guidance, issued in its draft format at present, has a section on How to Use the Pupil Deprivation Grant with interventions that include, for example, feedback, learning to learn, peer tutoring, parental involvement, promoting leadership, homework and extra curricular opportunities. The schools are also given advice as to which intervention might best work for their particular circumstances.

Guidance is also included on working with Communities First Clusters, supported by the Communities First PDG matched fund. Further support will be provided at workshops, the first of which will be held at a conference on March 7 in collaboration with the South East and South Central Consortia.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y cynnydd ar y treialon AAA sy'n cael eu cynnal ar hyn o bryd mewn saith ardal ar draws de Cymru ac un yng ngogledd Cymru. (WAQ62128)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of the SEN trials currently being carried out in seven areas across South Wales and one in North Wales. (WAQ62128)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 05 Chwefror 2013
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Leighton Andrews: Four pilot projects, involving 8 local authorities, to test alternatives to the current SEN framework were established late 2009. The initial development phase concluded in autumn 2011 since when two further phases of the pilots have been agreed to test tools and systems and to look at how the individual elements work as a whole system including the key aspect of the reform agenda, multi-agency planning.

The local authorities involved are Carmarthenshire, Torfaen, Caerphilly, Flintshire, Cardiff, Newport, Bridgend and Pembrokeshire and the tools and systems being further tested now include:

- the Individual Development Plan (IDP) Planning Process, which is intended to replace the existing statement of SEN, and the web based tool which supports this;
- a quality assurance system, which is a comprehensive framework for the self evaluation, monitoring and evaluation of educational provision for children and young people with additional learning needs;
- the roles and responsibilities of the Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator (ALNco).

In addition a programme of 'person centered planning' training is being rolled out.

Where relevant, links are being made to other providers, such as the voluntary sector, and other programmes, such as Early Support and Families First

Through a Programme of Action Research, an evaluation report and a costs analysis of the developmental phase of the pilots was published in June 2012. A further report on the second phase of the Pilots is due to publish within the next few months.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Pa asesiad a wnaeth y Gweinidog o'r ffigurau a roddwyd gan UCAS: Cylch Ymgeiswyr 2013 – Diwrnod Cau Ionawr; sy'n dangos mai Cymru yw'r unig wlad a rhanbarth yn y DU sydd wedi profi gostyngiad yn y ceisiadau i sefydliadau Addysg Uwch rhwng 2012 a 2013. (WAQ62121)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): What assessment has the Minister made of the figures supplied by the UCAS: 2013 Cycle Applicant Figures – January Deadline; that shows Wales as the only country and region of the UK which has experienced a decline in applications to UK Higher Education institutions between 2012 and 2013. (WAQ62121)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 05 Chwefror 2013
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Leighton Andrews: The fall in Welsh applicants to Welsh HEIs is due principally to a significant drop in the number of 18 year olds in Wales. These demographic factors are reflected in the modelling for all student finance budgets.

The latest UCAS figures also show a significant increase in the number of students from other parts of the UK applying to study at Welsh HEIs, potentially bringing around £75m into the Welsh higher education system over the next three years. Although it's important not to read too much into application data at this point, these figures show our policy on tuition fees is sustainable and affordable.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Faint o ddyddiau addysgu y mae'r gweinidog yn rhagweld a fydd yn cael eu colli o ganlyniad i athrawon yn mynychu'r Gweithdy TGAU Mathemateg a Saesneg a gynigir gan Education London Ltd. (WAQ62122)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): How many teaching days does the Minister anticipate will be lost as a consequence of teachers attending the GCSE Maths and English Workshop being offered by Education London Ltd. (WAQ62122)

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Leighton Andrews: All 219 secondary schools Heads of Maths and English Departments have been invited to attend the GCSE Maths and English Workshops. The duration of each workshop is one full school day, therefore each school would be without two teaching staff for one day if both Heads of Department chose to attend. It is a matter for head teachers how they ensure cover is maintained.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Yn dilyn ei ateb i WAQ61999 a WAQ62000 a wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau pa ddwy ysgol a gyflwynodd gynlluniau gweithredu ond na ddyfarnwyd cymorth ychwanegol o £10,000 iddynt eto; a'r rhesymau am hyn. (WAQ62123)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Further to his answer to WAQ61999 and WAQ62000 will the Minister confirm which two schools submitted action plans but have not yet been awarded additional support of £10,000; and the reasons for this. (WAQ62123)

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Yn dilyn ei ateb i WAQ61999 a WAQ62000, a wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau'r pedair ysgol na chyflwynodd gynlluniau gweithredu. (WAQ62127)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Further to his answer to WAQ61999 and WAQ62000, will the Minister confirm the four schools which did not submit action plans. (WAQ62127)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 11 Chwefror 2013
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Leighton Andrews: The two schools that submitted action plans but have not yet received payment are Tredegar and Abertillery Comprehensive schools, both in Blaenau Gwent.. We have recently agreed to make payment to Tredegar and Abertillery while we wait for plans from Glyncoed/Ebbw Fawr. The other three schools, which are all within the Ceredigion local authority area, submitted action plans which weren't compliant with the guidance issued. The authority is working with us to bring their plans within the required framework and to comply with the conditions of the grant. In the meantime intervention work supporting the underperforming pupils is underway and progressing well in all three schools.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Cyllid ac Arweinydd y Ty

To ask the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion unrhyw gyfarfodydd a gafodd gyda grwpiau cydraddoldeb yn y chwe mis diwethaf. (WAQ62090)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the Minister detail any meetings she has had with equalities groups in the last six months. (WAQ62090)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 06 Chwefror 2013
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The Minister for Finance and Leader of the House (Jane Hutt): As Minister for Finance and Leader of the House, I am responsible for ensuring that sound policy and budgetary decisions are made. This can only be done when we consider the needs of the people who we are making these decisions for and the impacts our decisions may have on them. As such engagement with external representatives is vital to sound decision making and good policy development.

I engage directly with many representatives of equality organisations and groups and value the opportunity to do so. In the past 6 months, I have met with various equality groups on no less than 26 occasions, and I include a list of these for your information. These sessions have provided me with the opportunity to explore issues that are relevant and topical to the organisation at that time and have given voluntary groups the chance to feed into Welsh Government policy development.

Ar gyfer y tabl, gweler Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad
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Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

William Graham (Dwyrain De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion sut y mae Teuluoedd yn Gyntaf yn cysylltu â'r Rhaglen Dechrau'n Deg y Blynyddoedd Cynnar fel y nodwyd yn Teuluoedd yn Gyntaf: Canllawiau'r Rhaglen. (WAQ62091)

William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister detail how Families First links into the Early Years Flying Start Programme as detailed in the Families First: Programme Guidance. (WAQ62091)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): One of the principles of Families First, as outlined in the Programme Guidance, is that services should be local, identifying the needs of local communities and developing appropriate service delivery to meet those needs, with particular regard for the opportunities to link with Flying Start and other programmes.

Families First, Flying Start, Communities First and the Integrated Family Support Service will, together, help deliver our vision for a citizen model of accessible, seamless service delivered in the community by skilled people working together to ensure better matching of provision to individual needs.

In developing their Families First plans, Local Authorities were specifically asked to consider how Families First linked with the Flying Start programme.

The report from the Families First pioneer stage shows Local Authorities are working to provide seamless interventions by bringing together different programmes including Flying Start. Many Local Authorities report improved links with associated programmes such as Flying Start due to impetus from the Families First programme.

All Local Authorities have developed a Team Around the Family (TAF) as part of Families First; we are the only UK country that requires all Local Authority areas to take this approach. TAF requires effective, joined-up support for families from the earliest possible point, typically involving a multi-agency approach across the spectrum of agencies and other programmes. This should provide a coherent and cohesive approach to supporting families and individuals.

We are continuing to drive greater join up between programmes to realise the combined potential benefits. For example, we have secured funding from the European Social Fund to provide a maximum of 5 regional posts over 18 months, to support much stronger integration of the Families First and Communities First programmes at a regional strategic level.

We continue to support the development of the Families First programme, encouraging shared learning and the dissemination of best practice. We held the first national learning set in January 2013, focusing on TAF. Local authorities are also required, as a condition of funding, to establish and contribute to, local and regional learning sets. This will ensure that learning from new ways of working is shared and reflected in practice.

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Faint o lawdriniaethau a ganslwyd oherwydd nad oedd staff meddygol a/neu nysio ar gael dros y pum mlynedd diwethaf. (WAQ69092)

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): How many operations have been cancelled due to unavailability of medical and / or nursing staff over the past 5 years. (WAQ69092)

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Lesley Griffiths: The table below shows the number of operations cancelled each year due to a lack of staff. This covers the following:-

- consultant unavailable due to leave;
- consultant unavailable due other reasons (includes study leave, bereavement leave);
- anaesthetist unavailable due to leave;
- anaesthetist unavailable due to other reasons;
- theatre staff unavailable.

Year	Ops cancelled due to lack of staff	canc as % of ops carried out		Ops carried out
2008/09	2,143	0.7%		295,582
2009/10	2,413	0.8%		284,839
2010/11	2,206	0.8%		265,876
2011/12	1,861	0.7%		266,165
2012/13 (to Oct)	1,390	0.9%		146,967

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Faint o gwynion am ansawdd gofal mewn ysbytai a dderbyniodd pob bwrdd iechyd am bob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf; a faint o'r cwynion hyn a gadarnhawyd. (WAQ69093)

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): How many complaints about quality of care in hospitals has each health board received for each of the past 5 years; and how many of these complaints have been upheld. (WAQ69093)

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Lesley Griffiths: The Welsh Government is working with NHS organisations to produce a statistical return on 'concerns' following the introduction of new arrangements in April 2011. The Putting Things Right arrangements cover a broader range of concerns than the previous NHS Complaints procedure. For 2011/12 this information is available from each Health Board directly. The regulations require each Health Board to publish a Putting Things Right annual report.

Statistical data on the number of hospital & community health service complaints for 2006/07 to 2008/09 (noting that there was a partial reorganisation in 2008/09) is available from <https://statswales.wales.gov.uk/v/DKE>. Following the NHS reorganisation in 2009 data for 2009/10 and 2010/11 is available from <https://statswales.wales.gov.uk/v/DKF>. Information on the number of complaints upheld is not held centrally.

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Beth fu cyfradd salwch staff ym mhob BILl am y pum mlynedd diwethaf. (WAQ69094)

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): What has been the staff sickness rate for each LHB for the past 5 years. (WAQ69094)

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Lesley Griffiths: Data relating to sickness absence levels in the NHS in Wales are published at: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/headlines/health2012/1211141/?lang=en>

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Faint o swyddi nyrsio a fu i bob band ym mhob BILl am bob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf. (WAQ69095)

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): How many nursing posts have there been for each band in each LHB for every year of the past 5 years. (WAQ69095)

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Lesley Griffiths: This information could only be made available by NHS Wales organisations directly.

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Faint o 'archwiliadau Urddas a Gofal Hanfodol' a gynhaliwyd gan Arolygiaeth Gofal Iechyd Cymru (AGIC); a (i) faint o'r archwiliadau hyn a gododd bryderon ynghylch lefelau staffio diogel; a (ii) faint o'r archwiliadau hyn a ddatgelodd bryderon ynghylch ansawdd gofal cleifion. (WAQ69096)

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): How many 'Dignity and Essential Care inspections' has Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW) carried out; and (i) how many of these inspections have raised concerns over safe staffing levels; and (ii) how many of these inspections have revealed concerns over the quality of patient care. (WAQ69096)

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Lesley Griffiths: HIW has provided the following information, all of which is publically available at www.hiw.org. Since the 'Dignity and Essential Care inspections' (DECI) programme began in November 2011, 12 inspections have been undertaken.

(i) 7 of the 12 inspections have highlighted concerns in relation to safe staffing levels. Concerns highlighted have included reference to overall staffing numbers during certain shifts (particularly at night) and the organisation of staff during shifts which impacted on the care and support patients have received.

(ii) The main purpose of the DECI inspections is to assess the quality of care patients are receiving in hospitals. While the reports highlight that generally care is being provided in a way that is appropriate and compassionate; each of the 12 inspections have highlighted some specific concerns in relation to the quality of care patients receive. All organisations are required to take action to make the necessary improvements in response to HIW's recommendations.

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Faint o archwiliadau a gynhaliodd Arolygiaeth Gofal Iechyd Cymru (AGIC) bob blwyddyn dros y pum mlynedd diwethaf; a (i) faint o'r archwiliadau hyn a gododd bryderon ynghylch lefelau staffio diogel; a (ii) faint o'r archwiliadau hyn a ddatgelodd bryderon ynghylch ansawdd gofal cleifion. (WAQ69097)

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): How many inspections of hospitals in Wales has Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW) carried out each year over the past 5 years; and (i) how many of these inspections have raised concerns over safe staffing levels; and (ii) how many of these inspections have revealed concerns over the quality of patient care. (WAQ69097)

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Lesley Griffiths: Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW) has provided the following information. It has carried out the following inspections of NHS and Independent hospitals during each of the past five years. Note some of the inspections consisted of more than one visit and this is reflected in the figures below.

- 2008 35 Inspections (40 visits)
- 2009 30 Inspections (45 visits)
- 2010 38 Inspections (50 visits)
- 2011 54 Inspections (76 visits)
- 2012 24 Inspections (43 Visits)

(i) Staffing levels are set by each organisation themselves and for the Independent Healthcare settings this is described within their Statement of Purpose (SOP). This is a particularly complex and dependent upon a number of factors including patient dependency and risk. Although staffing levels are not considered in detail during every inspection by HIW, where potential issues are identified, further review(s) can be undertaken.

(ii) As part of inspection process, HIW routinely hold comprehensive discussions with patients and staff, and carefully observe the interactions between patients and staff. They may also meet with family members or patient advocates to seek their views on the care provided. In addition to reviewing the appropriateness of the physical environment they also evaluate the adequacy of a range of documentation including patient care plans, policies and procedures, staff induction and training plans and complaint, restraint and incident records. Therefore all of HIW inspections routinely raise issues relating to quality of patient care. All HIW inspection reports can be found on www.hiw.org

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Pa arweiniad a gyhoeddwyd i fyrddau iechyd ynghylch lefelau staffio diogel mewn ysbytai. (WAQ69098)

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): What guidance has been issued to Health Boards over safe staffing levels in hospitals. (WAQ69098)

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Lesley Griffiths: In April 2012, the Chief Nursing Officer issued a set of guiding principles to support the planning of nurse staffing levels in adult acute medical and surgical wards, and the Welsh Government is working to support the introduction of tools to guide local decisions about nursing staff levels. The responsibility for ensuring safe staffing levels across all staff groups rests with Health Boards and Trusts who need to take account of acuity levels and local demands on services. Some Royal colleges have established standards which inform local decisions.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Tai, Adfywio a Threftadaeth
To ask the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr): Pa asesiad a wnaeth Llywodraeth Cymru i edrych ar effaith lleol 'treth lloffydd' ym mhob awdurdod lleol. (WAQ62099)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): What assessment has the Welsh Government undertaken to look at the local impact of the 'bedroom tax' in each local authority. (WAQ62099)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 05 Chwefror 2013
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The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (Huw Lewis): The Welsh Government has provided support to local authorities to help people to cope with the impact of changes in housing benefit. This included funding for several local authorities to assess the impact of the so called Bedroom Tax on tenants and to consider ways in which the impacts could be managed. Reducing the rate of tenancy failure is an important element of this. I am considering the report and its recommendations, which will inform our future support.

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr): Pa gamau penodol a gymerodd Llywodraeth Cymru i liniaru effaith 'treth lloffydd'. (WAQ62100)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): What specific measures has the Welsh Government taken to mitigate the impact of the 'bedroom tax'. (WAQ62100)

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Huw Lewis: I have supported eight road-shows, during February, to highlight the advice and support available to people. Independent advice services, housing associations and local authorities will be on hand to ensure that that people are aware of the changes and where they can go for help if they need it. Funding has also been provided to local authorities to consider ways in which people can be helped to cope with the changes.

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr): Pa astudiaethau a wnaeth Llywodraeth Cymru i allu'r sector rhentu preifat i gwrdd â'r cynnydd disgwylidig mewn galw a fydd yn dilyn y newidiadau i fudd-dal tai. (WAQ62101)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): What studies has the Welsh Government undertaken into the ability of the private rented sector to meet the expected increase in demand that will follow housing benefit changes. (WAQ62101)

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Huw Lewis: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be put on the internet.

Gweler Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad
See Information Further to Written Assembly Questions

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr): Faint o gyfarfodydd a gafodd y Gweinidog gyda chynrychiolwyr y sector ariannol (e.e. Cyngor y Benthycwyr Morgeisi) ynghylch cefnogaeth bosibl y gallai Llywodraeth Cymru ei darparu i atal ailfeddiannu tai. (WAQ62102)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): How many meetings has the Minister had with representatives of the financial sector (e.g. Council of Mortgage Lenders) concerning possible support that the Welsh Government could provide to prevent repossession of homes. (WAQ62102)

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Huw Lewis: I have had a number of meetings with representatives from the financial sector, including the CML. However, the provision of Welsh Government support to prevent repossession of homes has not been a formal item on the agenda of any of these meetings.

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr): Pa arweiniad a gyhoeddodd y Gweinidog i'r heddlu ac awdurdodau heddlu ynghylch y cynnydd disgwylidig mewn digartrefedd a'r effaith bosibl ar y gwasanaethau hyn. (WAQ62103)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): What guidance has the Minister issued to the police and police authorities regarding the expected increase in homelessness and the possible impact in these services. (WAQ62103)

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Huw Lewis: Policing is not a devolved area and I have not issued guidance to police and police authorities regarding possible increases in homelessness. However, I know that Police forces are working closely with local authorities and other organisations through, for example, Community Safety Partnerships and Local Service Boards. These fora are considering the impact of the UK Government's Welfare Reform agenda.

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr): Faint o bobl / cartrefi a gynorthwywyd bob blwyddyn yn ystod cyfnod y Cynllun Achub Morgeisi. (WAQ62104)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): How many people / households were helped each year during the running of the Mortgage Rescue Scheme. (WAQ62104)

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Huw Lewis: Since 2008 the Mortgage Rescue Scheme has assisted 382 households, preventing over 1100 adults and children from becoming homeless. The table below provides a summary:-

Financial Year	Households	Adults	Children	Total Number of People Helped
2008/09	67	154	70	224
2009/10	216	412	215	627
2010/11	88	206	76	282
2011/12	11	28	13	41
Total	382	800	374	1174

Between 2008 and 2011 there was a Welsh Government dedicated budget for Mortgage Rescue and when that ended in 2011-2012 the Welsh Government provided a top slice of Social Housing Grant funding for any committed Mortgage rescue applications that had not been paid from the dedicated budget.

The mortgage rescue scheme is still in operation and it is the responsibility of local authorities to decide whether to set aside some of their Social Housing Grant (SHG) allocation if they view the scheme as a priority

In 2012/13, four local authorities are providing funding for the scheme; Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Conwy and Neath Port Talbot.

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr): Faint o gyfarfodydd a gafodd y Gweinidog Tai cyfredol gyda swyddogion San Steffan ynghylch newidiadau i fudd-dal tai a digartrefedd. (WAQ62105)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): How many meetings has the current Minister for Housing had with officials in Westminster regarding housing benefit changes and homelessness. (WAQ62105)

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Huw Lewis: I have had no meetings with officials in Westminster but have corresponded with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Work and Pensions about the impact of changes to housing benefit in Wales. My officials have ongoing discussions with their UK counterparts and keep me regularly updated.

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr): Pa arweiniad a gyhoeddodd Llywodraeth Cymru i awdurdodau lleol ynghylch (a) cydymffurfio â deddfwriaeth bresennol ar ddigartrefedd; (b) paratoi ar gyfer y cynnydd disgwylidig mewn ceisiadau digartrefedd wrth i newidiadau Llywodraeth San Steffan i fudd-dal tai ddod i rym. (WAQ62106)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): What guidance has the Welsh Government issued to local authorities regarding (a) compliance with existing homelessness legislation; (b) preparing for the expected increase in homelessness applications as the Westminster Government's changes to housing benefit take effect. (WAQ62106)

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Huw Lewis: The main guidance document issued to local authorities regarding compliance with homelessness is the Code of Guidance for local authorities on Allocation of Accommodation and Homelessness. The latest version, which was reviewed in partnership with stakeholders from local government and the voluntary sector, was published in 2012. It is kept under review and will be updated further as and when necessary.

The Welsh Government has also published a variety of good practice guides addressing issues such as health, offending and working with people with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

We remain very concerned about the potential increase of homelessness following changes to housing benefit and we are working with local authorities to help them prepare for, and manage, the impacts of changes in housing benefit. Our Homelessness Grant and Supporting People Programme funding are being used to enable local authorities to help people who are affected by the UK Government's welfare reform agenda.

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr): Pa gyfanswm o gyllid a dderbyniodd sefydliadau tai a/neu hawliau lles gan Lywodraeth Cymru am bob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf. (WAQ62107)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): How much total funding have housing and / or welfare rights organisations received from the Welsh Government for each year over the past 5 years. (WAQ62107)

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Huw Lewis: Information on expenditure specifically for welfare rights organisations is not available but two of our revenue funded programmes provide vital support to individuals and households who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homelessness. Since 2008-09, the Welsh Government has allocated a total of £33.456 million of Homelessness Grant. This funding supports local government and third sector organisations to deliver support to achieve the objectives of the Welsh Government's 'Ten Year Homelessness Plan'.

Over the same period, a total of £652.524 million has been allocated through our Supporting People programme, which provides housing related support to help vulnerable people to live independently and to prevent homelessness. Over the past two years, the Welsh Government has been working with local authorities, the third sector and landlords to improve further the effectiveness of the Supporting People programme. This is being done through collaborative working arrangements based around six regions.

The Homelessness Grant and Supporting People programmes are playing an important part in helping people affected by the Westminster Government's welfare reform agenda. Since April 2011, we have allocated £1.500 million of Revenue Funding to support Wales wide activities aimed at mitigating the effects of Welfare reform.

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am rôl cynghorau lleol o ran creu gwaddol diwylliannol yng Nghymru yn dilyn llwyddiant y Gemau Olympaidd a Pharalympaidd. (WAQ62108)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on the role that local councils play in creating a sporting legacy in Wales after the success of the Olympic and Paralympic games. (WAQ62108)

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Huw Lewis: The Welsh Government and Sport Wales continue to work closely with local councils across Wales in helping to drive forward our aims of increasing participation rates in sport and physical activity. We want to ensure that there is true collaboration taking place with our key delivery partners such as our local councils so that our investment in sport brings quality, sustainable opportunities to participate in sport and we maximise our efforts to capitalise on the success of London 2012.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau
To ask the Minister for Local Government and Communities

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am gynnydd y Rhaglen Cefnogi Craffu a sut y mae'n ymwneud â'r cynnydd yng nghyflogau uwch swyddogion cynghorau. (WAQ62124)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of the Scrutiny Support Programme and how it relates to senior council officer pay increases. (WAQ62124)

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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): The Scrutiny Development Programme is a key element of my public service improvement agenda. Good, robust scrutiny is essential to improve services and secure democratic accountability. It must also reflect and adapt to collaborative service commissioning and delivery between local authorities and their public service partners.